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REPORT

TOPIC Supply Installations in the GDR

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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In late March 1954, the Soviet ration supply depot in Marbach near Erfurt was transferred to an undetermined location.¹
2. In July 1954, The Soviet ration supply depot at Koenigsborn numbered 250 to 300 men and was under the command of Major Kovalenkov (fnu). Most of the troops were quartered in two storage sheds southwest of the installation. The Soviet officers were housed in a three-story dwelling, about 80 x 100 meters, southeast of the RR station.²
3. In early July, a large Soviet ration supply depot was said to have been established in the Rosslau Kaserne near Dessau.³
4. In early October, trucks picked up ration supply at the Soviet ration supply depot in Frankfurt/Oder

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5. In early October, trucks picked up ration supply at the Soviet depot in Altenburg

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6. In September 1954, it was learned that the former German Army ration supply depot (HVA) in Rathenow, which was reconditioned with new roofs, served as Soviet ration supply depot. The siding which branches off the Rathenow siding has been used for years.⁶

7. In mid-August, the reconditioned buildings in the quartering area of

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the engineer depot in Fuerstenwalde were still vacant. The unit which was presumably to move in there was still quartered in the buildings south of the engineer depot. The unit, including female personnel, numbered about 170 in mid-August.

Two or three shipments of heavy pontoons which had been repaired were daily between the engineer depot and the Autobahnhof. No other was noticed. During the last weeks, the repair shop in the Autobahnhof was not working to capacity.

On 10 September, two heavily damaged amphibious cars of US-Ford type GPA were towed from the engineer depot to the Autobahnhof.

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8. In the night of 13 September, boxes were unloaded from many cars at the Gorgast RR station and hauled to Vorwerk Gorgast.⁸
9. In early September, it was learned that ammunition for the KVP was stored in the old fortress near Gorgast.⁸
10. In mid-August, it was determined that 300 to 400 Soviet soldiers were quartered in a former farmhouse, in an inn and in several houses about 1.5 km south of Dannenwalde east of the road. A truck coming from the north and carrying fuel drums entered the installation.⁹
11. In mid-September, The Soviet unit in the ammunition depot in Dannenwalde and in the quarters about 1 km south of Dannenwalde
12. On 20 August, a large number of small log houses was under construction within the depot area. For this purpose, several workers were detached from Vogelsang in mid-August.¹⁰
13. In early October, it was learned that a Soviet tank repair shop was established in the motor vehicle repair shop of the former Flak Kaserne in Wittenberg.
14. In mid-September, much activity was observed in the Soviet tank repair shop at Meissen. T-34/85 tank and trucks were there.
15. In late May, it was determined that the Soviet fuel depot at Aken had a capacity of from 13,000 to 1,400 cubic meters. In mid-1953, 20 large railroad tanks with a capacity of about 40 cubic meters each which served as spare tanks were built in the eastern section of the installation. Ten of these tanks were removed in mid-May 1954.¹¹
16. In late August, the Sanar Werke in Koenigsbrueck was ordered to deliver 70 field kitchens to the Soviet Army by 30 September.
17. In early September, the Tiefbau Ingenieur Buero in Brandenburg started the construction of a cold storage house and a slaughterhouse for the KVP in Pasewalk.¹²
18. In late September, it was determined that a KVP ammunition depot was located in the former ammunition depot Slate-Sued near Parchim.¹²

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1. Comment. This confirms information of late April 1954.
2. Comment. This installation is the Third Shock Army ration supply depot. It also houses the army clothing depot, The strength estimate appears too high. Major Kovalenkov (fnu) was previously reported to be head of the army ration supply depot. For a sketch on the installation, see Annex.
3. Comment. This installation is possibly a division ration supply depot of the 7th Gds Tank Div or 62d AAA Div.
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6. Comment. Possibly the ration supply depot of the IV Arty Corps.
7. Comment. The amphibious car belongs to the 36th Pon Bridge Regt.
8. Comment. The information confirms the filling of the KVP central ammunition depot at Gorgast.
9. Comment. The ammunition and ordnance and equipment depot of the Second Gds Mecz Army are located in the Dannenwalde area. The personnel mentioned belong to the supply installation. The strength estimates appear too high.
10. Comment. This enlargement may be connected with the transfer of the administration from Velten to Radensleben.
11. Comment. The fuel depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army, at Aken was believed to have a capacity of approximately 10,000 cubic meters. It is plausible that the capacity is being currently increased.
12. Comment. Information on these KVP supply installations is obtained for the first time. The subordination of the KVP installations has not yet been clarified. Slate is a former German Army ammunition depot.

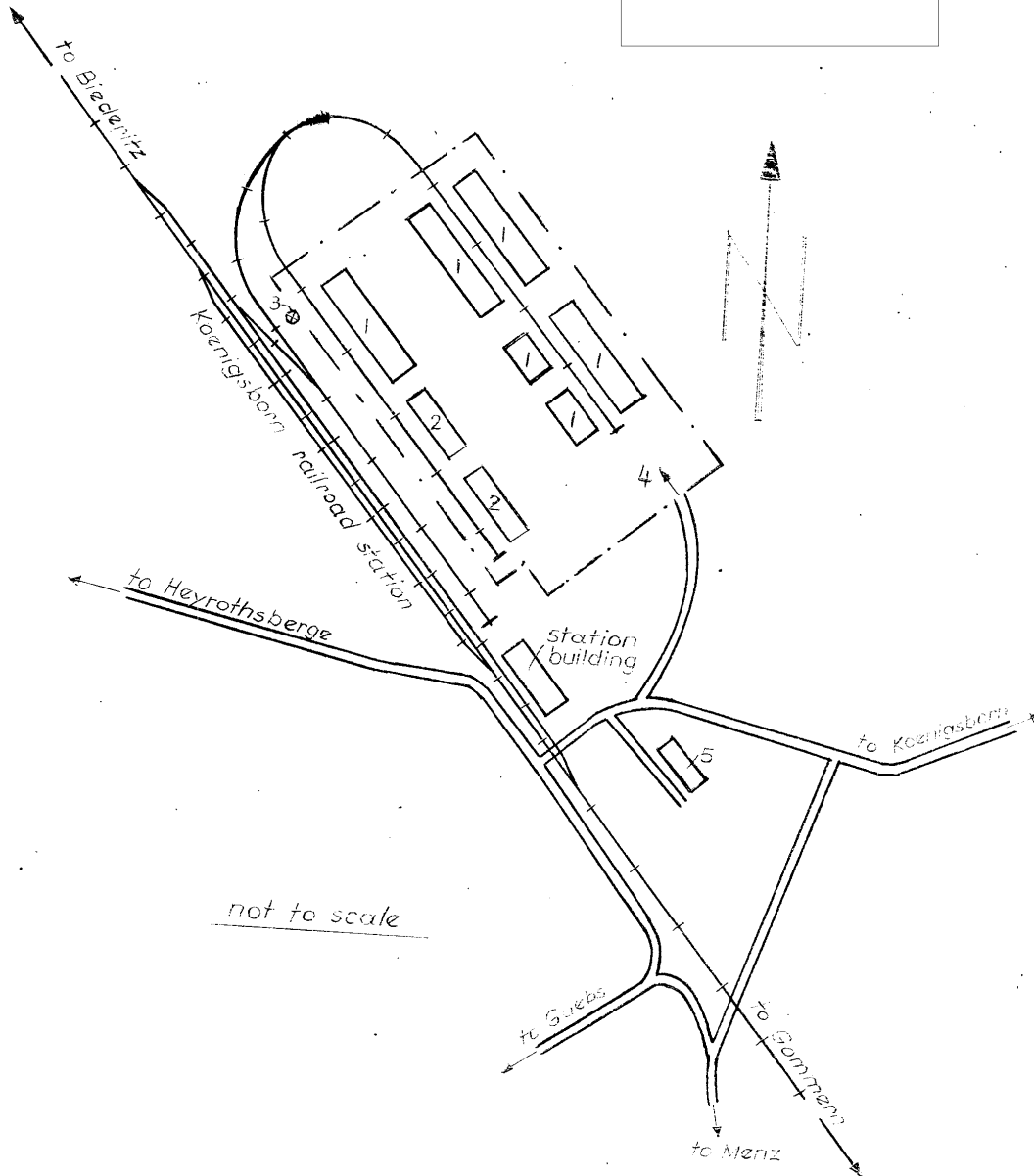
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Annex

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Legend:

Soviet Ration Supply Depot at Koenigsborn RR Station

Legend:

- 11 Storehouse
- 2 Quarters
- 3 Watchtower
- 4 Entrance and double sentry
- 5 Dwellings for Soviet families

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